

**[board] Decision On New Board Member !**

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**From :** Guadalupe Quinn [REDACTED]

Wed, Jul 24, 2019 05:00 PM

**Sender :** board <board-bounces@4j.lane.edu>**Subject :** [board] Decision On New Board Member !**To :** board@4j.lane.edu, hays a  
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mwalston@4j.lane.edu**Cc :** Guadalupe Quinn [REDACTED]

**Dear Members of the 4j School Board,**

**As members of the local Latinx community, we call on you to give serious consideration to all applicants from the Latinx community who apply for for the vacant Board seat.**

**Our children constitute an ever larger percentage of students in 4j schools.**

**They need and deserve a Board member who has a deep understanding of the issues that they and their families face.**

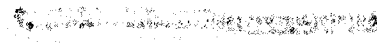
**This is a moment in history where your decisions have tremendous consequences. We call on you to act inclusively and ethically.**

**Thank you for your consideration,**

**Guadalupe Quinn - Grupo De Accion Directa del Condado de Lane (GLAD)**

**David Saez - Latinx Alliance Of Lane County**

**Bob Bussel - Immigrant Integration Network (IN)**



**[board] Vacant 4j School Board seat appointment**

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**From :** Roscoe Caron [REDACTED]

Tue, Jul 30, 2019 11:31 AM

**Sender :** board <board-bounces@4j.lane.edu>**Subject :** [board] Vacant 4j School Board seat appointment**To :** board@4j.lane.edu, Alicia Hayes  
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<mwalston@4j.lane.edu>

Dear 4j School Board members,

While my personal interactions with Jim Torrey have been cordial and respectful, I believe it would be a serious error for the 4j Board to appoint him to the vacant seat.

I believe that the credibility of the Board would suffer and that many voters would view such an appointment as a repudiation of their desire for change and increased diversity in thinking and discourse on the Board. The appointment of Jim Torrey could very well lead to a lack of trust in Board members and a lack of support for future Board and district funding measures.

Additionally, and most certainly, the Latino community deserves respectful consideration in any appointment to the vacant seat.

Respectfully,

Roscoe Caron

[REDACTED]

Eugene, OR 97405

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**[board] Letter in Support of Maya Rabasa for Board Membership**

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**From :** Roz Stein [REDACTED]

Tue, Jul 30, 2019 03:35 PM

**Sender :** board <board-bounces@4j.lane.edu>**Subject :** [board] Letter in Support of Maya Rabasa for  
Board Membership**To :** board@4j.lane.edu

Dear Members of the 4-J District School Board,

I am writing in strong support of Maya Rabasa for the open position on the Board. Ms. Rabasa currently serves on the Board of Network Charter School, as do I. I have worked with her on the Board for several years now, and I have found her to be an excellent contributing member of this important group.

Ms. Rabasa is a lively, enthusiastic member of the Board; she generates creative ideas, looks for solutions to problems, and displays a concern for all members of our school community - parents, students, staff. She works hard to support and improve all aspects of the school program. Ms. Rabasa has a wide range of knowledge about education in Eugene; she is an active community member who promotes quality programs for our students. She is an outstanding communicator.

It is a pleasure to work with Maya Rabasa; I feel that she would be a strong candidate for School Board membership. I love her enthusiasm!

As a retired school principal from Los Angeles, California, I believe I recognize the qualities necessary for a strong Board member. I see these qualities in Ms. Rabasa.

Thank you for your attention.

Mrs. Roz Stein  
[REDACTED]

Eugene, OR 97405

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**From:** "Robert Newland" [REDACTED]  
**To:** "Anne Marie Levis" <alevis@4j.lane.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 30, 2019 9:21:11 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Bob Newland Supporting Jim Torrey for 4J Board Seat

To Anne Marie Levis  
Chair 4J School Board  
From: Bob Newland

I send this email in support of Jim Torrey for the vacant 4J School Board Seat.

My name is Bob Newland. I have lived in Eugene most of my life and have been a Democrat since I first registered to vote and am still a Democrat at age 70. I am a 4J schools and University of Oregon graduate. I was a business owner and later financial advisor in Eugene until my recent retirement. I have been on the board of KidsSports, the Boys and Girls Club as well as on Rotary's Youth Exchange Committee and numerous other civic organizations.

4J school district has played an integral role in my education and in that of my family. I attended 4J schools, graduating from North Eugene High School. My children Bill and Anne Newland attended 4J schools and graduated from South Eugene High School. My father and my wife worked at 4J schools as educators. My father, Bob Newland, was a track and field coach and administrator at North Eugene and Churchill High Schools. My wife, Christie Cole Newland, was an art educator several 4J schools, teaching at Jefferson Middle School for her last 17 years. My family have seen how academics, the arts and athletics changed the lives of many students in 4J.

4J schools and their continued success are important to me and to my family. The rigorous and well-rounded education from 4J prepared my children and me for success in college and our communities. Jim Torrey will be a tremendous asset to the 4J school board as a thoughtful voice for educational excellence. He has been a continuous advocate for students, education and for the community. As a business person and community member, I know that fiscal responsibility is also paramount for our city and schools. Jim Torrey's financial background will benefit the school

board. Jim Torrey's business and civic leadership as mayor of Eugene, city councilor, and member of community organizations uniquely qualifies him to contribute as a member of the Eugene School District 4J board.

I could not more strongly recommend Jim Torrey to fill the remaining two years of the vacant 4J School Board position.

Sincerely,  
Bob Newland



**From:** "Bob" [REDACTED]  
**To:** hays@4j.lane.edu  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 31, 2019 10:12:25 AM  
**Subject:** Appointment

Dear School Board Members,

In the Register-Guard article "Torrey may join school board," July 24, reporter Christian Hill wrote that Jim Torrey is among 7 candidates applying for Evangelina Sungrez's open seat.

I urge you to consider the other candidates to honor the voters' decision to replace him. He has served for 12 years and has demonstrated his commitment to public service, but the election said it's time for someone new. Our school district needs fresh approaches to the many issues facing our children.

And you have an opportunity to consider a member of the Latino/a community for this seat. This would be an ideal opportunity to show your commitment to equity and acquire more insights.

Thank you,

Bob Cassidy



**From:** "pete mandrapa" [REDACTED]  
**To:** "Alicia Hays" <hays\_a@4j.lane.edu>, "Anne Marie Levis" <alevis@4j.lane.edu>, "newman j" <newman\_j@4j.lane.edu>, "lafer g" <lafer\_g@4j.lane.edu>, "shabram m" <shabram\_m@4j.lane.edu>, "Mary Walston" <mwalston@4j.lane.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 30, 2019 7:26:34 PM  
**Subject:** Appointment to the board

Dear school board members, I have worked for 4j school district for 40 years as a teacher, TOSA, substitute in elementary, middle and high school. I am finally getting off the substitute list and will no longer be working for 4j. I have seen many folks come and go on the school board. The most effective board members have been the ones that reflected Eugene community values in education.

I am writing to you as a concerned educator wanting to make sure that you make the right decision and appoint the right person to fill the vacant seat on the board. My concern is that you might appoint Jim Torrey to fill in for the next 2 years. He was soundly defeated in the May election and I do believe that the community wants some new blood on the board.

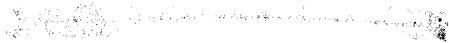
Jim has served honorably for the past 12 years. I know he cares deeply for the kids here in Eugene. However he has been viewed by many in the community as someone whose views on education did not jive with the majority of parents and community. His stands on testing were not in line with the educators in this community and many parents. His reluctance to take public stand in support of more funding was viewed negatively. His membership in "Stand" created animosity among many educators who view that organization as not a friend of public education.

There are several candidates who would make excellent board members.

Bringing in younger voices with new ideas and openness to the board would be of great value to the district. We need new perspectives. Board continuity is in good hands with many of you who have been on the board for years.

Your friendship with Jim should not influence your decision making process. Make a good and objective decision that will benefit the students of Eugene.

Sincerely  
Pete Mandrapa



**[board] open board position**

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**From :** [REDACTED]

Wed, Jul 31, 2019 02:38 PM

**Sender :** board <board-bounces@4j.lane.edu>**Subject :** [board] open board position**To :** board@4j.lane.edu

I would like to share my opinion as a recently retired Oregon public school teacher. The voters made their choice very clear between Mr. Torrey and his opponent who has a new and different insight into the needs and areas of concern in the Eugene 4J schools. I feel that consideration of his application should not take precedence over the other applicants. In light of a desire to balance composition of the board regarding diversity, and as the position to be filled was previously held by a Latina, perhaps someone else should be considered.

Sincerely,  
Colleen Hunter



**[board] Maya Rabasa for 4J School Board**

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**From :** W L Powell [REDACTED]

Wed, Jul 31, 2019 04:32 PM

**Sender :** board <board-bounces@4j.lane.edu>**Subject :** [board] Maya Rabasa for 4J School Board**To :** board@4j.lane.edu

I strongly recommend Maya Rabasa for appointment to the vacant position on the 4J school board. I have served with Maya on the board of Network Charter School for approximately two years. She is passionate about ensuring our youth, particularly at-risk youth, receive the best education possible. She will be a valuable asset to the 4J School board.

William Powell, NCS board member

Sent from my iPhone





**[board] Decision Process and Vote for New Member**

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**From :** Georgiann Jones [REDACTED]

Thu, Aug 01, 2019 03:15 PM

**Sender :** board <board-bounces@4j.lane.edu>**Subject :** [board] Decision Process and Vote for New Member**To :** board@4j.lane.edu

To: Anne Marie Levis, Board Chair and Members Alicia Hays, Judy Newman, Gordon Lafer, Martina Shabram, and Mary Walston:

We are moving into the beginning of your consideration of candidates who are running for the vacant seat left by Evangelina Sungrez's resignation.

The Register Guard stated there were eleven applicants and then one dropped out. Then another five applications were received on July 31<sup>st</sup> – the last day to apply. I read that the board will only accept ten candidates.

I hope that the board will reconsider and change this decided policy so all 15 applicants be given a fair and equal opportunity.

Please consider electing someone who will give the broader sense of our diversity and your respect to equity.

Change is needed in matters of health, socio-emotional and academic practices in our schools.

We are in construction plans for two new places of learning. The time has come to include our children's voices and have all our community participating more fully.

Please keep this in mind while deciding.

Best wishes to Evangelina Sungrez in her new endeavors and a thank you to the board for your listening and careful consideration of each candidate who is before you now and through the vote on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Georgiann Jones



**[board] Maya Rabasa Board application**

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**From :** Molly Stafford [REDACTED]

Fri, Aug 02, 2019 09:11 PM

**Sender :** board <board-bounces@4j.lane.edu>**Subject :** [board] Maya Rabasa Board application**To :** board@4j.lane.edu**Reply To :** [REDACTED]

Dear 4J board members,

I wish to support the application of Maya Rabasa to serve on the 4J Board. I currently chair the Network Charter School (NCS) Board and met Maya about five and a half years ago when she volunteered to be one of the parents on the committee to search for a new principal. Maya was an excellent committee member, asking insightful questions and voicing useful opinions. Several years later Maya was asked, and agreed, to serve on the NCS Board, even though her student had transferred to North Eugene High School to complete his high school diploma. Maya has been a strong addition to our board. Her cultural background and experience as a teacher have given her a different perspective from other members which has help us negotiate with our teaching staff. I strongly recommend Maya for the open position on the 4J board.

Molly Stafford  
Chairman, Network Charter School Board

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**[board] Vacant School Board Seat Appointment**

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**From :** Deanna Chappell Belcher  
[REDACTED]

Sat, Aug 03, 2019 12:10 PM

**Sender :** board <board-bounces@4j.lane.edu>**Subject :** [board] Vacant School Board Seat Appointment**To :** board@4j.lane.edu, Alicia Hayes  
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<mwalston@4j.lane.edu>

Dear Board Members,

It is difficult to believe that you are considering appointing former board member Jim Torrey to the seat vacated by Eveangelista Sundgrenz, especially so soon after his defeat in the April election. I am sure that you have very fond personal feelings for him, especially those of you who have been working with him for a very long time on this board and in various other capacities around the community. But I ask you to consider:

1. Does Torrey really bring "diversity" to the board, as most of you claimed in your endorsements of him in May? Considering all of your unanimous votes, it doesn't really seem that way to most of your constituents.

Also, for those of us who understand education policies and politics, it is clear that from the federal level on down, there is little-to-no difference between republicans, democrats, and independents as far as education. (There hasn't been since 1989 when President Bush convened the nation's governors [including Arkansas governor Clinton, later President Clinton of "Goals 2000" fame] to talk about a national set of "benchmarks" for all children.)

2. Is Torrey really the best person for the job? In school board meetings and on the campaign trail this Spring I was impressed with his expressions of affection for young children, and his pride in the feat of reading to every kindergarten classroom. That is a very nice gesture - and what a great bunch of photo-ops!! On the other hand, I do not hear any sort of concern for other students under the board's care. The words he

uses in reference to others often sound dismissive. Sometimes even... I hesitate to use the word scorn, it's too harsh, but when he says ... "those kids..." with a backward wave of the hand, I have to wonder: to whom is he referring? Are they getting the best care this board can provide?

In addition, I don't hear very much substance, or much deep understanding of the issues at hand. At one community forum he tried to distance himself from the 4j scourge of overtesting by endorsing "informative testing." He meant "formative" I'm sure, as opposed to "summative." But it's pretty clear he doesn't know what either of those actually means. And yes, he never misses a chance to say - quite loudly and repeatedly - the words "EQUITY LENS! EQUITY LENS!" But I never have heard him say what that *means* in practice - or what it means to him. I fear he doesn't really get it.

3. Finally, and perhaps most importantly for politicians like yourselves: how will the 4j community receive the news that you have appointed a person that they just voted out of office? The 14,111 citizens who voted for Torrey will be glad, but what of the 16,183 who voted for Shabram? Or the 97 who wrote in someone else altogether? Or even the casual observer?

What will this mean for you and your seats in upcoming elections? How valuable do you think your endorsements of each other will be if you are so partial to each other as to undermine the most basic of democratic processes to keep your pal on the board?

What will it mean for the community's confidence in your judgment the next time you ask them to put their faith in you when you hire a superintendent? Or cover-up then apologize for a Dove Medical snafu? Or declare their school district a law enforcement agency?

You are all smart people and I am sure these considerations have been on your minds already. I just wanted to let you know that they are on other folks' minds too, and that we are all hoping you will do the right thing.

Sincerely,

Deanna Chappell Belcher  
4j Mama

**[board] Jim Torrey for the open school board position**

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**From :** tim keeley [REDACTED]

Sat, Aug 03, 2019 01:10 PM

**Sender :** board <board-bounces@4j.lane.edu>**Subject :** [board] Jim Torrey for the open school board position**To :** board@4j.lane.edu

Good day,

Please know that our household desires that you give Jim Torrey the nod for the open seat on the school board. Given Jim's wealth of experience and his sensibilities we believe that he will continue to do the outstanding job that he has done for the school district for the past decade+.

I read Rosco Caron's letter to the editor today and frankly his call for diversity in your selection was the inspiration that I needed to let you know where we stand. Somewhat tongue in cheek, Jim's candidacy checks the uniquely diverse boxes for fiscal conservatives, seniors, and perhaps even those who battle their waistline on occasion! Personally, I am not fiscally conservative, I am barely a senior, and my waistline is fine, thank you, but my resilience to do what is right for the public school students of 4j could never match Jim's!

Jim Torrey has served in numerous exceptionally productive capacities in this community for decades but his service to the students of 4j via the 4j board has likely been his most important and most rewarding volunteer activity (and I know about many of his volunteer efforts including the time he spent with me on the Pearl Buck Center board of directors). The guy is bright, reasonable, energetic (for any age, even for someone in his 80's), and the most important characteristic in my view is that the guy shows up. If he says he is going to do something he does, be it reading to a kindergarten class or deliberating on the latest contract proposal in collective bargaining negotiations with your friends of EEA and OSEA.

Jim is a rare jewel and his willingness to seek this position impresses me immensely. A lesser person would walk away and be done with community service; not Jim. He continues to want to give to this community and to the 4j school district. Please afford him the opportunity.

Please do what we consider is the right thing for 4j schools and place Jim Torrey in

the open board position. He will not disappoint the students, you, or our community!

Tim Keeley  
Retired Deputy Superintendent  
Bethel School District





**[board] Appointment to the vacated 4J Board seat**

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**From :** Jerry Lee Rosiek [REDACTED]

Sat, Aug 03, 2019 05:10 PM

**Sender :** board <board-bounces@4j.lane.edu>**Subject :** [board] Appointment to the vacated 4J Board seat

**To :** <board@4j.lane.edu>, Alicia Hayes  
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<mwalston@4j.lane.edu> <board@4j.lane.edu>

Hello Alicia, Anne Marie, Judy, Gordon, Martina, and Mary,

Thank you for your service on the 4J board. Just a short note to provide input as a citizen regarding the upcoming decision about how to fill the seat vacated by Evangelina Sundgrenz.

First, I hope the board sees the recent 4j election as evidence of increasing levels of organization and investment among parents, educators, and progressive citizens who want more from their education system. This upcoming appointment decision presents an opportunity for the board to signal your recognition of this shift and your desire to work alongside those who are advocating and organizing for positive student-centered changes in our schools. I think such a gesture would be welcomed and very meaningful to many.

Second, I think it would be a mistake to appoint Jim Torrey to the 4J board so soon after he was voted out of the office by a majority of 4J voters. I assume those of you who have been on the board for a while may have some respect and personal affection for the man, having worked with him over the years. From my point of view as a voter, however, I would consider such an appointment a repudiation of my vote. In the last election I voted for Dr. Shabram because she was smart, very informed about schools and the lives of school children, and possessed a fluency about gender, sexuality, disability, and cultural equity issues that I admired. However, I also voted for her because I no longer wanted Mr. Torrey on the board. I think this is true for many voters. Incumbents only lose in such elections when there is broad voter dissatisfaction with them. It would be, in my opinion, a very pointed gesture of

disregard for that expression of 4j voters' will if you were to reappoint Mr. Torrey.

The argument that Jim Torrey represented diversity of thought on the board—as mentioned by the Eugene Weekly in their endorsement of him—seems specious to me. The world of US politics does not have dearth of influence by white male businessmen. If there is a diversity concern in your upcoming appointment, in my opinion it should be that the Latinx community deserves representation on the board (As Evangelina was the only Latinx board member.) I will not speak for that community, but I am sure key influencers like Carmen Urbina or Guadalupe Quinn, for example, would return your call if you asked their opinion on the matter.

Respectfully,

Jerry Rosiek

**[board] Vacant Seat**

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**From :** Rep Wilde  
<Rep.MartyWilde@oregonlegislature.gov>

Sun, Aug 04, 2019 11:19 AM

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**Sender :** board <board-bounces@4j.lane.edu>

**Subject :** [board] Vacant Seat

**To :** board@4j.lane.edu

Dear Friends –

I am pleased to recommend Nazia Swartz for your open board position. I hope you will consider appointing her, as she brings a perspective as the parent of 4J students, a current educator, and an immigrant that will help the board steer 4J into the future.

As Evangelina's prospective replacement, Nazia continues to represent parents of current 4J students. Her children are being educated in both neighborhood and internal 4J choice schools, a further broadening of perspective. She will see the consequences of the decisions the board makes and, as such, she will bring credibility to the board's decisions with other parents.

Ms. Swartz serves as a high school English teacher at Springfield High School. We spoke about the importance of building an engaging curriculum and instructional methods, as Dr. Balderas has long championed. She agrees that CTE is a piece of this, a statewide priority, and also that critical reading and writing skills are essential to people in all careers. She worked for several years in the 4J system herself. Her perspective as an educator will help shape win-win solutions for the board and 4J staff.

Finally, as a first-generation immigrant, Nazia can effectively represent the interests of Eugene's immigrant and minority students. With the passage of the Student Success Act, 4J will finally have some resources to address the needs of these

students. Her perspective could help inform the decisions 4J will need to make to spend those funds effectively.

Thank you for considering Ms. Swartz for the open board seat.

Sincerely,

Marty Wilde  
State Representative, House District 11

**[board] Board appointment**

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**From :** Eileen Nittler [REDACTED]

Sun, Aug 04, 2019 02:27 PM

**Sender :** board <board-bounces@4j.lane.edu>**Subject :** [board] Board appointment**To :** board@4j.lane.edu

Hello esteemed board members,

I see several people who applied to be appointed to the school board that I know and respect. Several could fit in well to work towards the well-being of the students and staff in our district, work to promote equity, and provide good input to the team.

Of all of the applicants, Jim Torrey provides a few things that no other can--namely, experience specifically with this board, this district, our policies and deep familiarity with the long-term strategic plan. Additionally, he was the highest vote recipient in a recent election of the non-elected candidates, so there is clearly community support for him as well.

For a two year appointment, having someone who is familiar with the people and the issues, who can provide balance to the board for two years and then who would likely not run again (and therefore provide an open seat) is logically and objectively a good choice.

Thanks for your consideration (and for Pete's sake, you don't have to answer this email),

Eileen

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**[board] Selection of School Board Member**

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**From :** Sabrina Gordon [REDACTED]

Sun, Aug 04, 2019 02:41 PM

**Sender :** board <board-bounces@4j.lane.edu>**Subject :** [board] Selection of School Board Member**To :** board@4j.lane.edu**Cc :** Imelda Cortez [REDACTED]

Dear Members of the 4J School Board,

Your upcoming selection of a new school board member to fill the vacant seat is a decision that will impact students in our community for years to come. This appointment is an opportunity for action that supports the ideals which the Board often talk about: the importance of an equity lens, honoring diversity, and inclusivity of the voices of under-represented groups. As leaders of the Eugene Education Association, we urge you to make a choice that shows our community that the 4J School Board takes meaningful action to back up spoken ideals. Our students and our community are counting on you.

Respectfully,

Sabrina Gordon, President of Eugene Education Association

Imelda Cortez, Vice President of Eugene Education Association

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**[board] Board appointment**

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**From :** Joy Marshall [REDACTED]

Sun, Aug 04, 2019 03:07 PM

**Sender :** board <board-bounces@4j.lane.edu>**Subject :** [board] Board appointment

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**To :** 'School Board (board@4j.lane.edu)'  
<board@4j.lane.edu>**Cc :** [REDACTED], Samantha Raisa Brauner  
[REDACTED]

Hello Members of the School Board,

I've been reading some letters to the editor that claim that appointing Jim Torrey would somehow create anger among voters. In the interest of lowering the political rhetoric and focusing on the students, I felt the need to respond.

1. After working on numerous school board races for 20 years, I feel certain this is not true. There is no attempt to "undo" the results of

the election. Other leaders who run for office and come close, end up getting appointed to other openings. James Manning comes to mind.

Or Hillary Clinton for that matter. The only protest will likely be from people whose own personal candidate didn't get chosen.

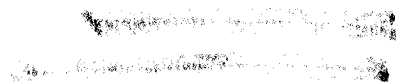
1. I don't know all of the applicants. Of those I do know, I think Jim Torrey is the best qualified. He understands the role of the board in looking out for

all kids. He doesn't have a personal or narrow agenda.

1. Jim is one of our top local advocates for equity, and has fought for resources and a focus on kids with the highest needs.

I realize there could be other candidates with those qualifications, and I will respect any decision that puts kids first. Let's take the politics out and put the kids first. Thank you for your consideration.

Joy Marshall (she/her/hers) | Lane County Director | Stand for Children Oregon...



**[board] Appointment of new school board member**

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**From :** Chris Wig [REDACTED]

Sun, Aug 04, 2019 03:44 PM

**Sender :** board <board-bounces@4j.lane.edu>**Subject :** [board] Appointment of new school board member**To :** board@4j.lane.edu

Dear Chair Levis, Vice Chair Walston, and Directors Hays, Lafer, Newman and Shabram,

I am writing on behalf of the DPLC Executive Committee to express our concern regarding reports that former member Jim Torrey is being seriously considered for appointment to fill the vacancy on the Eugene 4J School Board.

Just three months ago, more than 16,000 voters in the Eugene School District provided direct feedback to the board when they rejected the candidacy of Mr. Torrey by casting their ballots for Dr. Martina Shabram.

In the months since Election Day I have had many conversations with 4J constituents about Dr. Shabram's campaign, and I think it's prudent to share with you what I have learned. Many voters (who are parents) told me they voted for Dr. Shabram (and also Gordon Lafer) because they were tired of 'business as usual.' These parents expressed pride in the school district and faith in the board, but they also stated they are looking for the board to provide more meaningful opportunities for them to be involved in the decision-making process of the district. Chair Levis has told me about the new format for the board meetings, and I think this is a great start toward showing these voting parents that you are listening to them. I fear appointing Mr. Torrey to fill the vacancy would send the opposite message.

I also feel deep concern about the message that would be sent to members of historically marginalized communities if a septuagenarian white man who was defeated at the ballot box only three months ago is chosen to fill the vacancy over qualified candidates from diverse backgrounds. This letter to the editor by Bob Bussel, Guadalupe Quinn and David Saez published in today's Register-Guard is more articulate than me about this point:

<https://www.registerguard.com/opinion/20190804/latinx-students-need-advocates-on-board>

Thank you for listening to my feedback provided on behalf the DPLC Executive Committee. I know it's going to be a tough call, and I'm confident you will pick well and wisely.

Your friend,

Chris Wig  
Chair  
Democratic Party of Lane County



**[board] Upcoming School Board Position Election**

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**From :** Samantha Shune [REDACTED] Sun, Aug 04, 2019 07:00 PM  
**Sender :** board <board-bounces@4j.lane.edu> 1 attachment  
**Subject :** [board] Upcoming School Board Position Election  
**To :** board@4j.lane.edu

Good evening! In light of the upcoming appointment to fill the vacant school board seat, I wanted to write a letter in support of Maya Rabasa. I do believe that our current board has wonderful representation from a number of the relevant stakeholders to our educational system including the higher education and business sectors. However, I feel strongly that the "community voice" is missing from the current board. As an educator myself and a 4j parent, I feel it is crucial that all community members are heard in the decision making process. Our public education system continues to face many challenges and we can only hope that those who have the power to make the changes are able to take into account the needs and opinions of those individuals most impacted by these challenges: students, families, and teachers. Maya would be a wonderful addition to the school board given her background both in education and as a current and former 4j parent. The reach of her community ties are remarkable and her insight into the needs of the educational system are outstanding.

Maya would be an extremely strong addition to the school board and help to provide a voice to those members of the community often underrepresented in the decision making process.

I do hope that you all strongly consider her application - listen to the community members that have elected you to make the decisions for them!

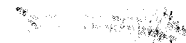
Thank you for your time.

Samantha Shune

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*Samantha Shune, PhD, CCC-SLP  
Assistant Professor  
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**[board] Upcoming Decision**

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**From :** Jennifer Geller [REDACTED] Mon, Aug 05, 2019 06:18 AM  
**Sender :** board <board-bounces@4j.lane.edu>  
**Subject :** [board] Upcoming Decision  
**To :** board@4j.lane.edu

Dear Eugene School Board Members,

I know you are facing a difficult decision tonight about who to appoint to the Board. I was always struck by the number of very capable people who applied to fill open positions on the Board, Budget Committee, and Equity Committee. It is a tribute to the community that so many people are interested in serving in volunteer positions that sometimes require difficult decisions.

In the next couple of years, it looks as if the District will have the good fortune to invest in our schools, but not unsurprisingly, the amount of money available will only be a portion of what is needed to bring our schools to the funding of the past or the gold standard for Oregon's future, the Quality Education Model. Given that the conversation will be complex and require an understanding of the past and the future, I hope you will consider candidates' familiarity with the history surrounding Oregon's education funding, 4Js budget, and policy priorities.

I also hope that the Board will consider whether candidates' resumes include commitment to 4J's students in direct ways, particularly efforts to ensure adequate funding. The system of funding that we have requires consistent lobbying of legislators, as well as frequent campaigns for bonds and levies. People who show up consistently for these efforts are well positioned to understand the current financial realities, but also have personally demonstrated with the use of their time, an extraordinary commitment to all students of 4J.

Finally, I would caution against relying on the outcome of elections too heavily, unless you plan to do so in an even-handed, across the board way. Those who win elections should feel proud of the outcome, but there are many factors that drive election results, making hard and fast conclusions somewhat dubious.

Thanks for your work as you make this decision.

Jennifer Geller

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**[board] Maya Rabasa**

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**From :** Mo Young [REDACTED]

Mon, Aug 05, 2019 09:12 AM

**Sender :** board <board-bounces@4j.lane.edu>**Subject :** [board] Maya Rabasa**To :** board@4j.lane.edu

Dear 4J school board,

I'm emailing to share my support of Maya Rabasa as a strong candidate for the vacant seat on the Eugene 4J school board.

I met Maya when I became a mother. She's walked alongside me through parenting successes as well as parenting challenges. We've had countless conversations about social justice, about community and what it looks like to truly be engaged members of a community, about schools, and so much more.

All of that is because this is who Maya *is* - she's a person that cares deeply about the community. She cares deeply about kids and families – all of them. She's focused on supporting people where they're at, supporting teachers, admin staff, students and parents, about social justice and community care.

Maya shows this in innumerable ways. Recently she tallied up the time that she's spent volunteering in schools in 4J. Her conservative estimate is 5,000 hours – that's the equivalent of more than three school years! Not only does Maya spent countless hours with students in classrooms and helping teachers outside of school hours, she attends as many school board meetings as she can. She makes sure that her voice and her opinion is heard. Her voice will be a great addition to the current school board.

Maya is deeply focused on being in and with community; talking with teachers, parents, students, community members – at events, around kitchen tables, in schools. To learn the issues and hear from the people that are effected every day.

One of the main reasons that I am an adamant supporter of Maya Rabasa is that she is not afraid to speak her truth, even if she is the only person who holds that opinion. That ability to speak truth to power is going to help change our educational systems to better serve all of our kids.

I hope that you make the right choice and appoint Maya Rabasa to fill this seat.

Thank you,  
Mo Young



**Re: [board] Cheers for JIm Torrey appointment to 4J Board**

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**From :** NAMIHIRA BOLTON [REDACTED] Mon, Aug 05, 2019 10:37 AM

**Sender :** board <board-bounces@4j.lane.edu>

**Subject :** Re: [board] Cheers for JIm Torrey appointment  
to 4J Board

**To :** board@4j.lane.edu

**Reply To :** NAMIHIRA BOLTON [REDACTED]

We strongly endorse Jim Torrey for the vacant position on the 4J School Board without reservation. We have know former Mayor Torrey as a neighbor, Eugene Mayor, Kidsports volunteer and 4J Board member while we worked as an administrator and as a teacher .

We found Jim to be a positive and fair voice wherever and whenever he has severed the Eugene community.

The last time we personally spoke with Jim was during a recent Martin Luther King WeJr. March. He walked resolutely without fanfare while comfortably discussing at our behest some pressing school and community issues.

We are registered Independent voters who usually vote for Democratic candidates. But where Jim Torrey is concerned we never hesitate to support him due to his proven track record of excellent performance on behalf of what's best for his constituency.

Best regards, Namihira Bolton and LeAnne Carter....

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**[board] Appoint Maya Rabasa**

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**From :** Sarah Pedersen [REDACTED]

Mon, Aug 05, 2019 11:54 AM

**Sender :** board <board-bounces@4j.lane.edu>**Subject :** [board] Appoint Maya Rabasa**To :** board@4j.lane.edu

I am writing this letter to urge the Eugene School District 4j school board to appoint Maya Rabasa to the seat recently vacated. Maya is an excellent candidate for this seat, and the school board would benefit greatly from her strong voice and community relationships.

Maya has spent many hours in the educational community as a teacher, as support staff, as a volunteer and as advocate for those whose voices need amplifying. In fact, recently Maya tallied it up and the total came out to more than 5000 hours spent as volunteer in the schools. There is no one applying to this position who has spent more hours and effort to support teachers, staff, and students in the 4j schools.

Maya is a member of the Latinx community and well respected as a voice for those who traditionally are underrepresented when it comes to matters affecting schools and students. Maya is multi-cultural and multi-lingual, an asset that is conspicuously missing from the current school board make-up. She is wholly dedicated to relationship building and is solution focused, committed to strengthening community involvement in civic conversations while moving forward with tough decisions that affect every Eugene 4j constituent.

Appointing Maya Rabasa to the school board would go a long way towards closing the gap between the board and community perceptions. The school board has been doing such beneficial and important work, let's continue that important work with Maya Rabasa as a board member. She will be a valuable voice for the years ahead.

Sarah Pedersen

Parent  
Community and Parents Rights advocate  
Educational Professional

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**[board] possible public relations nightmare?**

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**From :** Sarah Pedersen [REDACTED]

Mon, Aug 05, 2019 11:57 AM

**Sender :** board <board-bounces@4j.lane.edu>**Subject :** [board] possible public relations nightmare?**To :** board@4j.lane.edu

As I understand, the board may be considering appointing Mr. Jim Torrey.

While I appreciate Mr. Torrey and everything he has done for the schools and community, I feel it would be a huge mistake for the board to appoint him, as the voters of this city just recently showed their desire to have new faces representing them.

It's true that Mr. Torrey has connections that benefit Board Business, but I am confident the board can work together and move forward through these next couple years without him. It seems to me that appointing Mr. Torrey would be a public relations nightmare.

Thank you for your very careful considerations,

Sarah Pedersen

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**[board] Diversity needed on the board**

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**From :** Mr. Juan Carlos .Valle [REDACTED] Mon, Aug 05, 2019 04:40 PM

**Sender :** board <board-bounces@4j.lane.edu>

**Subject :** [board] Diversity needed on the board

**To :** 4J Board 4J Board <board@4j.lane.edu>

Dear elected school board members.

While I know making a decision tonight would not be an easy one, there are very few opportunities to personally affect diversity at the board.

Typically it is citizens electing whom they want or deciding if they want diversity for the district.

Tonight you have a personal opportunity to bring in racial ethnic diversity.

I have not ever been represented on the board.

I hope you change that today.

Respectfully,

Juan Carlos Valle

Council President

LULAC of Lane County

State director, interim.

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Juan Carlos VALLE

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**[board] Maya Rabasa**

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**From :** Sarah Yapp <[REDACTED]>

Mon, Aug 05, 2019 06:13 PM

**Sender :** board <board-bounces@4j.lane.edu>**Subject :** [board] Maya Rabasa**To :** board@4j.lane.edu

Hi there!

I would like to put in my support for Maya Rabasa to fill the vacant seat on the 4J school board. In the 10 years that I have known Maya, I have seen her work so hard to support students, teachers, and policy, not only with her ideas, but also with the many, many hours she has put in the classroom. She cares a lot about every child in the district and will be a great addition to the board, giving voice to communities that are, typically, underrepresented.

Thank you and good luck!

Sarah Yapp



**[board] My thoughts on who will replace me on the board**

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**From :** Evangelina Sundgrenz  
[REDACTED]

Tue, Aug 06, 2019 02:03 PM

**Sender :** board <board-bounces@4j.lane.edu>**Subject :** [board] My thoughts on who will replace me on the board**To :** Eugene 4J School Board <board@4j.lane.edu>

Dear 4J Board,

I am writing to you because while I may have moved, I remain deeply committed to the 4J school district, the students and family members served, and the community.

I am aware that a lot of people have applied to complete my term and that you are facing a difficult decision that will impact the future of the district in the next two years.

Your plate is so full at the start of this academic year with the many recent and some unexpected changes to deal with, it is clear to me that the board needs someone that has considerable commitment to 4J, is dedicated, knowledgeable, understands and can see things through an equity lens, and understands the past and present of the district and community.

From the list of names in the paper, it is clear to me that Jim Torrey is the most qualified. Jim understands the role of the Board, has worked on all our bonds and levys (especially the most recent) and offers stability in a time of great change and adheres to a student first model. As I understand, Jim would not be running for another term if appointed.

As the only person of color on the board - as someone from an immigrant and

transracial family - that deeply cares for the district and community, it would be a loss for the board to not have Jim's background at this time where a bridge from past to present is much needed. Most important and what is often overlooked is his commitment to the most vulnerable children and families in the district and our community, those that do not, cannot, and are afraid to lobby the board and attend meetings. He cares about the kids who have the least, and I am very comfortable having him take my seat for the remainder of my term, to keep being a champion for equity, students, and greater Eugene.

I don't envy your decision, but I know that the right decision will be made to continue the goals, mission, and student-centric vision of the district for the next two year

My best wishes to you all,

Evangelina

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Evangelina Sundgrenz

**[board] interviews**

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**From :** sondralou [REDACTED]

Tue, Aug 06, 2019 03:48 PM

**Sender :** board <board-bounces@4j.lane.edu>**Subject :** [board] interviews**To :** board@4j.lane.edu**Reply To :** [REDACTED]

I listened to three of the interviews last night on the radio. I heard nothing regarding elementary class size issues. This is at the crux of our issues. Also, I did not hear specifically what the solutions would /could be for conduct disordered students in the classroom and the issues around this. I did read that the state level of education is looking into solutions for this but did not hear specific ideas. Mental Health is important . However, in most cases, it is a MEDICAL issue. School counselors can only do so much. How to connect families to needed evaluations and treatments is a must. We do skill building and problem solving and do not deal with MEDICAL diagnosis or treatment.

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**[board] Maya Rabasa**

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**From :** Alison Wagner [REDACTED]

Tue, Aug 06, 2019 05:25 PM

**Sender :** board <board-bounces@4j.lane.edu>**Subject :** [board] Maya Rabasa**To :** board@4j.lane.edu

Esteemed Board Members,

I attended the interviews last night and I want to express my support for the appointment of Maya Rabasa to the Board. She continues to impress me with her knowledge, perspective and creativity, and I believe she would provide exceptional service to the Board and everyone the 4J District touches. Please appoint this deserving, hard-working, passionate individual to the 4J Board.

Thank you for your consideration, and all that you do for our 4J family.

Sincerely,

Alison Wagner

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

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**[board] Open Board Seat: Support of Maya Rabasa**

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**From :** Ann T. Chang [REDACTED]

Wed, Aug 07, 2019 12:01 PM

**Sender :** board <board-bounces@4j.lane.edu>**Subject :** [board] Open Board Seat: Support of Maya Rabasa**To :** board@4j.lane.edu

Dear Board Members,

Thank you again for your support in keeping Camas at Camas. It was really nice to meet those of you I met. I'm sorry that Evangeline has moved.

I'm writing in support of Maya Rabasa for Evangeline's vacant seat. Having worked with Maya during the Keep Camas at Camas campaign I witnessed a level-headed, thoughtful person who was well informed about the challenges and highlights of the Eugene k-12 public education system. I also thought she was a very friendly person to work with who is open to compromise. As with all of you, I truly believe she has our students' best interests in mind.

Thank you for your time,  
Ann T. Chang

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

**From:** "Mary Bauer" [REDACTED]  
**To:** "Anne Marie Levis" <alevis@4j.lane.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 7, 2019 4:27:07 PM  
**Subject:** New Board Member

Dear Ms. Levis,

Monday's meeting to interview candidates for the open 4j board position was inspiring and enlightening. Each individual brought a perspective and skill set that was invaluable and every candidate demonstrated a passion for public education.

The sheer number of candidates spoke volumes. Community members are concerned that our current model is unsustainable. Staff and parents are feeling compassion fatigue educating children in an overstressed system. More effective supports for high-needs students, smaller class sizes, increased classified and mental health staffing, meaningful technical education, and respect for diversity of race, ethnicity, learning styles, and gender identity were priorities that came through loudly and clearly.

The outlier was Jim Torrey. His service to the children of Oregon is long-standing and impressive. But his tone-deaf answers to the question about inclusiveness left the audience gasping. To suggest that the high school representatives to the board should "bring a child of color to meetings" implies that those reps are not now and will not in the future be students of color. And his concluding remark that his presence as a "white male" insures that that voice will be heard exemplifies the type of unconscious bias that Maya Rabasa alluded to when she spoke about Taking It Up.

4J needs to move forward. Jim ran and lost. The community needs a new, qualified, and energized board member to take the district to an even greater level of excellence.

Thank you,

Mary Bauer



**Selection of School Board Member 8-8-19**

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**From :** Imelda Cortez [REDACTED]

Wed, Aug 07, 2019 08:35 PM

**Subject :** Selection of School Board Member 8-8-19**To :** hays a <hays\_a@4j.lane.edu>,  
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mwalston@4j.lane.edu**Cc :** Gustavo Balderas <balderas\_g@4j.lane.edu>,  
Sabrina Gordon [REDACTED]

Members of the 4J School Board,

I am Imelda Cortez, Vice President of Eugene Education Association and teacher at Howard Elementary. I am emailing you to underscore the fact that your selection of a new school board member to fill the vacant seat is a decision that will impact students in our community for years to come. This appointment is an opportunity for action that supports the ideals which the Board often talks about: the importance of an equity lens, honoring diversity, and inclusivity of the voices of under-represented groups.

The District operates under two very important basic beliefs, "realizing that to get better implies change among which, is constantly leading progress" and "creating an environment in our district that is nurturing, compassionate, and risk-taking." As an educator of color, a former 4j student, and a mother of 4j students, these two beliefs stood out to me in particular as I was thinking about this incredible opportunity that our board has to uphold its dedication to all students, especially our marginalized students.

If equity is indeed at the core of how we operate in our district then we should be ensuring that our students of color see themselves

represented in all educational stakeholder groups. If we want to them to feel nurtured and we want our marginalized families to take risks by coming to our board and providing input then it is imperative that we have a member on the board that understands what it is like to be a part of that marginalized group. Someone that can put themselves in their shoes as they advocate for all of our students.

This is a time for you, the members of the 4j school board, to be courageous by ensuring that you are keeping equity, honoring diversity, but most of all inclusivity of the voices of traditionally under-represented groups as a priority in your decision. I understand that it is a difficult decision, but remember that you represent all students and families as board members and that our board should be reflective of our student population just as we know our staff should be as well. We have a large majority of our students of color, as shown through our Town Hall Symposiums, who have unfortunately internalized that they're not worthy and have become prey to the "worthiness gap". If we truly want to create systems that do not continue to perpetuate institutional racism, then we must be vulnerable and we must critically assess our current practices and belief systems by taking personal and institutional responsibility for the success of our students.

As a leader of the Eugene Education Association, I urge you to make a choice that shows our community that the 4J School Board takes meaningful action to back up spoken ideals. Our students, all of them, and our community are counting on you. Remember that to get better, we must move towards change and leading towards progress means bringing the voice of our long under-represented groups to the forefront. It isn't easy, but you're in a position at the moment to truly show your dedication and commitment to equity through this appointment. I leave you with this final question: What does an equity lens look like for you and how will our Board reflect its commitment to equity through your decision on this appointment?



Respectfully,  
Imelda Cortez  
EEA Vice-President



**[board] support maya raybasa**

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**From :** Rose Wilde [REDACTED]

Wed, Aug 07, 2019 09:44 PM

**Sender :** board <board-bounces@4j.lane.edu>**Subject :** [board] support maya raybasa**To :** board@4j.lane.edu

Dear board members,

I hope you will appoint Maya Raybasa to the board. She brings a wealth of experience in schools and shows a real commitment to the kids.

I do not support appointing Jim Torrey, who has had his time and should respect the voter's choice. He did not put any effort into community engagement during the campaign, which is why he lost. I appreciate how hard you all work and your presence in the community beyond the scope of your duties. I think Maya would be a great addition to this culture of service.

By the way, I am sure you have noticed the level of alarm in our community leading up to the God Guns and Trump Rally is high! I hope your summer program staff (if any are still around) have some preparation to respond to kids who are exposed to the rally or negativity surrounding it. Immigrant and Latinx kids, and LGBTQIA+ kids and families are particularly vulnerable and impacted. I wish the kids were in school now so they could have some access to supportive adults right now.

Thank you and have a great day.

Rose Wilde

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**[board] Support for Maya Rabasa**

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**From :** Kathy Lynn [REDACTED]

Thu, Aug 08, 2019 01:20 PM

**Sender :** board <board-bounces@4j.lane.edu>**Subject :** [board] Support for Maya Rabasa**To :** board@4j.lane.edu

Dear 4J School Board Members,

As a parent of two children who attend schools in the 4J School District, I am writing to express my support for Maya Rabasa and ask you to consider voting for her to fill the spot vacated by Evangelina Sundgrenz. 7446 people voted for Rabasa when she ran against incumbent (and current board member) Anne Marie Levis in 2017, indicating strong support for someone running for the first time. She brings strong ideas on policy, issues of equity and diversity, and has the perspective of a current parent of children in the district. I urge you to vote for Maya Rabasa to join the 4J school board.

Thank you,  
Kathy



**Re: [board] Appointment to the vacated 4J Board seat**

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**From :** Jerry Lee Rosiek [REDACTED] Thu, Aug 08, 2019 02:10 PM  
**Sender :** board <board-bounces@4j.lane.edu>  
**Subject :** Re: [board] Appointment to the vacated 4J Board seat

**To :** <board@4j.lane.edu>, Alicia Hayes  
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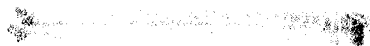
Dear 4J Board members,

I just saw the names of the three finalists for the vacant school board position. I have already expressed my opinion that it would be inappropriate to reappoint Jim Torrey. I write today to express my concern about Gary Campbell.

I listened to all of the candidates initial interviews—either in person or on the radio. And I read all their materials. In my opinion, Gary Campbell would not be a representative of Eugene citizens, parents, and educational professionals. He would instead be a representative of the data and test obsessed ideology that has captured the Oregon Department of Education and Higher Education policy making boards. His entire interview was couched in the accountability and measurement speak that we constantly hear from ODE and Salem. This manner of thinking—that only testing and large data set analysis and intensified accountability policies provide reliable means for educational improvement is deeply problematic. This approach to educational improvement has not worked over the last two decades to improve our school outcomes substantively. Additionally this narrow conception of educational evidence and relevant outcomes has consistently used to silence parent concerns, sidestep equity issues, and undermine public confidence in public schools. Appointing Gary Campbell to the board would, I fear, be the equivalent of handing one of our 4J board seats over to Salem education bureaucrats. Eugene schools needs Eugene voices on the board. He would, frankly, be a worse choice than Jim Torrey in my opinion.

A concerned parent,

Jerry Rosiek





**[board] Regarding 4J Board Vacancy Final Candidates**

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**From :** Marissa Zarate [REDACTED] Thu, Aug 08, 2019 04:28 PM

**Sender :** board <board-bounces@4j.lane.edu>

**Subject :** [board] Regarding 4J Board Vacancy Final  
Candidates

**To :** board@4j.lane.edu

Dear 4J School Board Members,

I am writing today to express my support of Maya Rabasa for the open 4J School Board position. Maya's input on the board would be greatly appreciated. She is a parent and an active member of our community. She is connected to the Latinx Alliance of Lane County (a network of Latino immigrant serving organizations and agencies in Lane County), and she truly cares about our community. As a Latina parent of a 4J student, I care deeply about having representation on the school board. Selecting Maya for the board shows the board understands the importance of including representation from the diverse communities served. I hope we continue to add 4J School Board members from the Latinx community, and Maya is an excellent part of doing that. Her presence on the school board is long overdue, and this is an excellent opportunity for the school board to add a board member who will provide an missing, and much needed, voice.

Sincerely,  
Marissa Zarate

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**[board] Maya Rabasa**

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**From :** jo [REDACTED]

Thu, Aug 08, 2019 04:37 PM

**Sender :** board <board-bounces@4j.lane.edu> 1 attachment**Subject :** [board] Maya Rabasa**To :** board@4j.lane.edu

Hello, sending my endorsement for widely adored Maya Rabasa for school board, and also to say that if you vote in Jim Torrey after the public has already said NO, then I will know you lack integrity and do not have our children's best interest in mind.

Do the right thing.

-Johanna Aley

